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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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**Re: Docket No. 2005-125-G Notice of Election of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.
for Application of the Natural Gas Rate Stabilization Act to its Rates and Charges and
Notice of Filing of Quarterly Monitoring Report and Proposed Rate Changes**

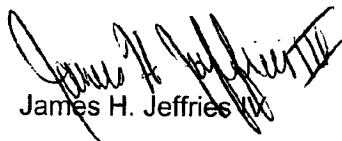
Dear Mr. Terreni:

On August 23, 2005 a letter was filed by Benjamin Mustian of the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") regarding testimony filed by Piedmont Natural Gas Company Inc. ("Piedmont") and the hearing scheduled for September 14, 2005. Mr. Mustian's letter stated that the "ORS does not dispute the baseline to be established by the Commission" and suggested that the hearing was not necessary.

Piedmont concurs with ORS' evaluation of the testimony and that the scheduled hearing is not necessary. Attempts to reach Scott Elliott, representing the South Carolina Energy Users Committee, to include his position on this matter have been unsuccessful. Based on this conclusion, we request that the hearing scheduled for September 14, 2005 be canceled.

Please accept this letter and 25 copies for filing and return the additional "file-stamped" copy to the courier. Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions about this filing you may reach me at the number shown above.

Sincerely,



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